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Secretary of State McPherson Releases Odd-Numbered Year Report of Registration

Indicates Record Number of Voters on Rolls

SACRAMENTO, CA--- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today released the latest Report of Registration indicating a record 16,628,673 registered voters were on the rolls as of February 10.

The registration totals for the seven qualified political parties, as well as those who declined to affiliate with a party or who attempted to register with a non-qualified political party, as of February 10, 2005, are:

<u>Party Name</u>	<u># Registered Voters</u>	<u>% of Statewide Total</u>
American Independent	330,082	1.99 %
Democratic	7,156,449	43.04 %
Green	157,565	0.95 %
Libertarian	89,328	0.54 %
Natural Law	28,571	0.17 %
Peace and Freedom	67,238	0.40 %
Republican	5,734,536	34.49 %
Declined to State	2,973,317	17.88 %
Miscellaneous	91,587	.55%

Thirty-seven counties now show a Republican majority and 21 counties lean Democratic.

The total percentage of registered voters as a portion of voting-age population that is eligible to register to vote is 78.6%. Prior to last November's general election, 75% of eligible citizens were on California's voter rolls. The portion of voters declining to affiliate with a registered party continues to inch upward, rising to nearly 17.9% from 17.7% in the most recent general election.

Reports of Registration are produced reflecting registration totals 154, 60 and 15 days before each primary, and 60 and 15 days before each general election. In odd-numbered years, unless there is a special election, there is a February 10 report.

The detailed report can be found on the Secretary of State's web page at: http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_u.htm. For hard copies of the report, please contact the Secretary of State's Press office at 916-653-6575.